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## O. D. K. ENTERTAINS

The O. D. K., a leadership fraternity at Vanderbilt, recently put on for the student body a very humorous and informative program in chapel. The O. D. K. is made up of seniors and corresponds to our Key Club here at M.B.A. Jack Erwin, who no doubt most of you have seen at many of the local dances and in many plays around town, gave a lecture on the Difficulties of the English Language by Victor Borge. His interpretation was greatly enjoyed by the students and we were very happy to have him visit the Academy again.

Then on the more serious side we had a talk from Fred Kissling on "The Necessity of College." He pointed out some of college life and how important a college education is in this day and time.

After Fred Kissling's speech, Tom Young made a talk on Fraternities. He told how and why

they were important, some of their functions on the campus and their uses. In mapping out their importance, he told of the companionship they promote and the friendly relations that are made and carried on in later life. He pointed out that these factors help to promote loyalty to the school. This talk gave the boys a deeper insight into college fraternities.

Bill Wade, a boy we are all proud of here at M.B.A., made a speech next on "Athletics at Vanderbilt." He told about the types of athletics ranging from the varsity sports to the intramural and how they were run. He added a few humorous touches and a few things about college life.

They then swung again to the lighter side and the Phi House Five, which is a jazz band, played  
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## J. A. Barksdale Gives Talk

On April 15th, Mr. J. A. Barksdale made a talk to the student body. He reviewed the principles on which America is built. Mr. Barksdale stated that our country started from scratch, a small group of colonies, but by hard work, fair trade systems and free enterprise, it grew to be the most powerful and respected na-

tion of our times. He then challenged us, saying, "You are the young men of tomorrow, continue to respect and live up to these ideals." Mr. Barksdale has held the offices of Superintendent of Schools in Johnson City, Charlotte, Union City and Paris, Tennessee. Now he is Commissioner of Education of the State of Tennessee.

## Former Baseball Pitcher Gives Safety Talk

On May 8th Clyde Castleman, a former baseball pitcher for the Nashville Vols and the New York Giants, visited our assembly. Mr. Castleman is now Safety Director for the American Automobile Association. He indicated that he is greatly disturbed over the mounting death toll caused by automobile accidents in America today. He was especially appalled

at the high rate of accidents had by youthful drivers under the age of twenty-five. Statistics show that this age group have eight times the accidents and deaths as the age group between 40 and 50. Think this over and let us convert this power madness into power that is controlled and made useful in turning the wheels of progress instead of the wheels of death and destruction.

## Spring Sports Banquet Is Held

M.B.A. recently held its annual spring sports banquet to honor all spring and late winter sports. The sports which included most of the student body were: basketball, baseball, tennis and golf. Mr. Robert McNeilly represented the Board of Trustees.

After a prayer of thanksgiving the boys were served steak, apples, potatoes, beans, slaw, bread and finished with delicious strawberry short-cake. Dr. Sager

then introduced Bill Wade, the main speaker of the night.

Bill spoke on the topic of de-emphasizing our own sports so as not to let them interfere with our studies. He said that our studies should always come first in our lives, for we cannot always make a living at sports, but if we go to school and keep our studies up we can be assured of a foundation for making a living.  
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## MBA Alumni Take To Leadership

By DOUG FISHER

An extra ingredient of some sort must go into the academic brew that's ladled out to students at Montgomery Bell Academy—for when they come to Vanderbilt they rise to the top of the extra-curricular whirl like corks suddenly released from the bottom of a pan.

Key positions of leadership in nearly every campus activity—from publications to politics—are filled by M.B.A. graduates.

At yesterday's tapping ceremonies of Omicron Delta Kappa, men's leadership fraternity, five of the 10 undergraduates tapped were M.B.A. grads: the others chosen were from out of town. Take campus politics: Both the

president and veep of the Student Senate—Vernon Sharp, III, and Wilbur Creighton, III—are M.B.A. graduates. Both were tapped O.D.K. yesterday. Creighton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Creighton, Jr., of Observatory Drive, is also president of Sigma Chi fraternity and secretary of the Interfraternity Council. Sharp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Sharp, Jr., of Wilson Road, Franklin, is also president of the Student Christian Association.

Take athletics: As Bill Wade steps down as alternate captain of the gridiron squad, his brother Don Wade takes over as co-captain. Both are Betas (Bill  
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## M. B. A. Boys Gain Admission

Recently M.B.A. was honored to have two of its seniors admitted to M.I.T., one to the N.R.O.T.C. at Vanderbilt, and one to the University of Pennsylvania.

Bill Hoffman was accepted into the N.R.O.T.C. at Vanderbilt. He had applied and taken a test earlier this year but did not receive word of his acceptance until recently. Out of the five-boys who took the test that come from M.B.A., Bill was the only lucky one.

Andrew Ewing and Bob Herbert were granted admission to the greatest school of engineering in the United States, M.I.T. Recently boys from M.B.A. have made fine records at M.I.T. and Vanderbilt. Bob was accepted after his College Entrance Board Exam results were received and Andrew, being in the upper fifth of the Senior class at M.B.A., was immediately accepted.

On May 10th, Charles Pötter received his admission slip to the Wharton School of Finance and

## New Publication Leaders Announced

Mr. Sager and Mr. Rule have just announced that next year's Editor of the "Bell" will be Jimmy Dale. Jimmy will be ably assisted by his Business Manager, Bill Gray. Next year's Editor of the "Bell Ringer" will be Watt Crockett, and his very able Business Manager will be Jimmy Rackard.

All of these boys are top flight and will be able to carry the two publications through the school year. They all have big jobs to carry and the student body wishes them good luck.

Commerce, a college of the University of Pennsylvania. The Wharton School is the finest undergraduate school of finance in the United States.

We hope that the graduates from M.B.A. continue to make fine records at these great schools and we wish them the best of luck.

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## TOMORROW . . . . . ?

At one time or another, every student at Montgomery Bell Academy will graduate. At that time just about all of us will be asked about our future occupation. Not one of us can answer that question without first thinking about the everlasting threat of . . . WAR. We can not safely plan for the future. Most of us are tired of the back-down policy of our government in Korea. From the talk around school I think that most of us would rather go ahead and attack Russia than to live the rest of our lives in fear of being conquered. It is almost impossible to prepare for a certain field of work for we never know when we will be called and maybe lose our lives. It is hard to keep your desire to fight for your country when you know that back home politicians are too busy feathering their own nest to think of helping you come home again—when you read of labor unions calling strikes in the middle of an emergency. You can not help but lose faith in the folks back home in that situation. Maybe workers and employers should keep pictures of their brothers in Korea being killed in front of them at all times. I believe that our generation is just about fed up with the spoils system of our present government and I believe that is the reason why, in a recent poll of our students, Harry S. Truman did not receive a single vote in the entire student body. Often I wonder if I will ever see an honest and truly fine man in the White House. It will soon be up to us to straighten out our own condition for it is an established fact that Stalin plans to break us economically and he is well on his way.

## CLASS REPRESENTATIVES



**ANN KIRKPATRICK**  
The Sophomore Representative

The members of the Sophomore class are proud to announce their class representative, Ann Kirkpatrick. Ann is well known for her charming personality and generous smile. She is a smart 5' 4" tall with blue eyes. She was born in Nashville and has lived here her fifteen years. She attended Stokes grade school and now is a proud Harpeth Hall student. Ann will be a Junior in the Kappa Delta Theta Sorority next year. She is now president of the Sophomore class at Harpeth Hall, secretary of the Freshman class and is also the Athletic director of the Triad Club. She attends the Emmanuel Baptist Church. Hats off for the Sophomore Representative!



**LEE ANN ALLEN**  
The Junior Representative

The Juniors, as their choice for a top class girl to represent them, have picked Lee Ann Allen. Lee Ann is also 5' 4" tall with green eyes. She is a native Nashvillian and is seventeen years old. While a prep school student she attended Woodmont School and now attends Hillsboro High School. Among her many honors, Lee Ann has just been elected President of the S A P Club. She was captain of the S A P Club basketball team for two years, cheerleader in the eighth grade, captain of the eighth grade basketball team and best of all a waitress at the "Big Red" Homecoming. She attends Westminster Presbyterian Church. Three cheers for the Junior Representative!



**CAROLYN HUNTER**  
The Senior Representative

The Senior choice for a representative is Carolyn Hunter. Carolyn, better known as "Fifi," is also 5' 4" tall (the lucky number for representatives). Her soft light brown hair perfectly sets off her blue eyes and ever-present smile. Fifi is eighteen years old and has lived in a number of towns including Florence, Alabama, Huntsville, Alabama, and Nashville. Her grade school years were mostly spent out of town but she did attend Parmer for a while. She is now a loyal member of Harpeth Hall. Fifi's list of achievements includes her office of Sergeant-at-Arms of the S A P Club, captain of the S A P Cheerleaders, basketball sponsor for the M.B.A. team, Secretary of the Eccowasin Club and President. She attends the Vine Street Christian Church. Long live the Senior Representative!

**SPORTS BANQUET**

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He told us how he was faced with the problem of whether to play pro football or begin his professional career.

When Bill finished talking, the awards and letters were handed out to the members of the teams who had earned them in the respective sports. After the boys had received their awards they presented the coach with gifts of appreciation for his coaching. With this the gala banquet was brought to a close.

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a few numbers. A few jokes were cracked and some tunes straight from Tin Pan Alley were blared forth. The band consisted of Jack Viall, Frank (Catfish) Smith, Tommy Smith, Jim Warrick, Pat Gardner, Gordon Robinson, and Haynie Hamilton.

This program gave us just about all sides of college life. It was certainly enjoyed by everyone and we look forward to having them visit us again at the Academy.

**M. B. A. Faculty Entertains Duncan Parents**

The faculty of M.B.A., in hopes of getting some of the Duncan students, hosted an open house for the parents of boys now attending Duncan School. The party was held on May 5, at the Academy in the evening. The parents and students were shown around the campus and introduced to the faculty. While enjoying punch and cookies, the Duncanites were made to feel at home.

We, the members of the student body, would like to take this opportunity to ask all the boys at Duncan to consider attending M.B.A. and finish out their years at a private school with us.

**MR. HACKMAN SUFFERS HEART ATTACK**

We, the members of the student body, wish to express our shock and grief upon hearing about Professor Henry Hackman having a heart attack. We sincerely hope that he returns to us soon.

Mr. Hackman was struck with a heart attack on Saturday, the tenth of May. It is feared that he will not be able to teach any more this year. Until the end of the year, he will be replaced by Mr. Purdy from Arkansas College. At the time of our going to press he was in a very critical condition and when he does recover from the initial shock he will have to take a great deal of rest before returning to M.B.A.

**M B A ALUMNI**

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has been president), both are O.D.K., both went to M.B.A. They are the sons of Chancellor and Mrs. William J. Wade of 220 Craighhead Avenue.

Look at scholarship: M.B.A. grads Gordon Long and Harry Corson, varsity tennis players, are also Phi Beta Kappa . . . Long is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Long of 1907 Convent Place; Corson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Corson, of Belle Meade Apts.

Fraternity presidents by the dozens have originated at M.B.A. A couple of current examples are Lipscomb (Buzz) Davis, Beta Theta Pi president, who is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Lipscomb Davis of Tyne Boulevard, and Al Williams, who has just wound up a term as chief executive at Phi Delta Theta lodge. He's a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Williams of Hood Hill Road.

Two more standouts are Walter Noel, Jr., and Jack Burch. Noel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Noel of Chickering Road, is finishing up a term as president of Student Christian Association, and is Phi Beta Kappa to boot. Noel also served as chairman of the Student Senate's election committee. Burch, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Burch of Crescent Road, is captain of track squad and a member of the general cabinet of the SCA. His record also comes complete with high grades.

Reprinted from THE NASHVILLE BANNER.

**ANNUAL SPEECH CONTEST**

On May 8, the annual speech contest was held in the auditorium of the school. The participants spoke before a gratifyingly large audience of relatives and acquaintances. The winners of their respective divisions will receive the honor of speaking at the commencement exercises in June.

John Sloan, Jr., Seawell Brandou, Jr., and Bob Lightfoot contested in the freshman-sophomore group. In the junior-senior classification were Albert Nisley, Matt Maddin, John Nixon, and Richard Bibb.

The following Thursday witnessed the members of the junior school locking horns in fierce combat for the coveted position. The seventh grade combatants were George Sloan, Bill Lightfoot, and Emmett Dozier. Eighth grade students competing were Dick Sager, son of Headmaster R. L. Sager, and Jimmy Rule, Jr., son of James Rule, our versatile math instructor.

Final winners were Robert Lightfoot for the freshmen-sophomore and Richard Bibb for the junior-senior.

On account of the immense quantity of thought and work injected into the preparation of the contest by our energetic director of the speech department, Mrs. Norton Campbell, it proved to be one of the most successful set-tons of rhetoric ever exhibited by the student body.

**Dear Tom, Dick & Harry . . . Junior**

By BOB LANIER

Your mother and I were just talking about your graduation next month. And now I have you on my mind. It's like this, Son: we would like to be able to throw a nice chunk of financial help your way; but you know just about what the family fortune is. Having, unfortunately, graduated right in the middle of the depression, I spent quite a few years fighting my way out of it. Finally things did start looking up and I thought I might make, and save, a little real money. Then taxes moved in on me and, during these years when business has been good, I seem to be going backward instead of forward as far as accumulating anything is concerned. Of course I've managed to keep you and your mother housed and fed—and I hope I've been able to educate you well. But I haven't gotten rich.

We used to say any fool could make money but it took a wise man to keep any of it. Well, today, all sorts of folks make money but even the wisest ones can't find a way to keep any of it—not if they're honest anyway. No matter how much you make you have to send most of it to Washington. I was brought up on the idea that most of our presidents managed to get their faces on all of our money; but the one we've got now manages to get his hands on it. . . . So you're sorta out of

luck and all I can do is play Polonius and hand out the sort of advice commencement speakers will give you next month. Back when I graduated our speaker told us to go out and marry the boss's daughter if we wanted to be a success. That's still the quick and easy way to get started on your way to the top. But, if you've got what it takes, it's easier in the long run to work hard and make your way alone. You have brains and ambition—and it's worth a little extra effort to keep your self-respect. It won't hurt you, however, to be nice to both the boss and his daughter. In fact, it's a good idea to be nice to everybody until you've made your first million. After that people will be nice to you.

Another thing, Son: even if you think money isn't everything, don't go around saying so. You can't talk nonsense like that until you've made a lot of dough; because, believe me, the only time money isn't important is when you've got it—plenty of it. About the only thing you can do without money is breathe—and that's no fun on an empty stomach. So work hard, make money, and save as much as you can. I may need to borrow from you to pay my next quarter's taxes!

—Reprinted from "The Burning Question."

**JARMAN GOES BACK TO HOLLYWOOD**

Our gift to the Motion Picture World, Claude Jarman, Jr., has gone to Hollywood to make another movie. Claude has stayed with us most of the year. He was here for the whole football season, lucky for us, but finally was called back to work by his bosses.

From what I have heard he made a wild western movie with Randolph Scott. They were naming the movie after the book, "The Outriders," but have decided to change the name. At the moment I have no information on the new title. From the things I have heard it will be a good movie and everyone will be looking forward to it coming to our local theaters.

Claude left us on about March 25 and his familiar face was missing for about six weeks. On May 7th he came back to us in his blue model A and parked it in the teacher's reserved section. Welcome home, Claude!

**MR. RULE MAKES PERSONAL APPEARANCES**

Mr. Rule, our math teacher, recently has made a few personal appearances on the radio and T.V. He has been asked to talk on his folk music writing abilities. Also he was recently mentioned in a local newspaper for his great versatility. He is Tennis coach, Solid Geometry teacher, Algebra teacher, Trigonometry teacher, Song writer, and music critic of a magazine. We are indeed proud of our very famous professor.

## Campus Superlatives

Wittiest: Mr. Sager  
 Biggest Bull Artist: Mr. Rule  
 Most Dependable: Mr. Younger  
 Friendliest: Mrs. Sims  
 Most Energetic: Mr. Hackman  
 Most Popular: Mrs. Bitzer  
 Most Athletic: Coach Reneger  
 Biggest Social Lion: Mr. Wise  
 Best Looking: Mr. Book  
 Most Intelligent: Hue  
 Biggest Goldbricker: Willie  
 Most Gullible: Mrs. Sager  
 Most Likely to Succeed: Mrs. Dixon  
 Kindest: Miss Thompson  
 Busiest: Mrs. Paterson  
 Most Quiet: Mrs. Campbell



JOHN A. BALL



THOMAS L. SNEED



M. H. DOBSON, JR.

## Class Of '52 Project

As has been the custom in the past years, the Senior Class of '52 is going to leave a project to the school. In recent years M.B.A. has received a fountain, a showcase and two electric clocks. This year the Senior Class, with the help of the Key Club, is putting in fluorescent lighting for the study hall. There will be six light brackets to replace the four bulbs

in the rear of the Assembly Hall. The present antiquated lighting system has been in effect for 23 years. Studying with a six-way shadow on your work is not very inducive to good work. This new lighting will not only help the studying quality of school but also the appearance. Hail to the Senior Class for this fine school project!

## Nashville Businessmen Elected To MBA Board

Three Nashville businessmen have been elected to the board of trustees of the Montgomery Bell Academy, John Sloan, chairman, announced today.

The three new trustees, named to fill vacancies in the membership of the group, are John A. Ball, son of the late Isaac Ball who was headmaster at the academy for about 30 years, Matthew

H. Dobson, Jr., and Thomas L. Sneed.

Sneed, who is secretary-treasurer and a member of the board of the Bush Building Co., construction firm operating principally in the field of utilities, was a graduate of the academy in 1929. His father, the late Bush Sneed, Sr., was a graduate of the 1890s.

Sneed was born in Nashville and attended Vanderbilt University. (Continued on page 10)

## Alumni News

We have received reports of distinguished achievements made by M.B.A. graduates. The class of 1948 has made a fine name for itself.

Bill Wade, one of the outstanding boys at M.B.A., has followed this through to many fine records at Vanderbilt. In the field of athletics Bill was rated an All-American in football. He was rated the Most-Valuable in the Southeastern Conference and the best backfield man in the South by the Atlanta Touchdown Club. Against the best football players in the country, he further distinguished himself by being voted the best player on the field at the Shrine North-South game in Miami. On the campus Bill was the president of his fraternity, a member of the O.D.K., and the Bachelor of Ugliness. The B.U. is the highest honor a Vanderbilt boy can receive. Also Bill has just been named the outstanding athlete of the year by the V Club of Vanderbilt. This club is made up of all the letter men at Vandy.

Three members of the class of '48 have earned membership in the Phi Beta Kappa. This organization is composed of the boys with the highest scholastic averages. The three at Vanderbilt are Harry Corson, Gordon Long, and Walter Noel. The boys were in the top 5 per cent of their respective classes! In addition to this each has been outstanding in some other way. Harry Corson is a member of the O.D.K.; both he and Gordon Long are varsity lettermen on the tennis team. Walter Noel is a member of the O.D.K. and president of the stu-

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# CLAS S NEWS

## GRADE SCHOOL NEWS

Charles Kinnard ate some flowers at the sports broadcast. The effects were: 1) he got sick that night and 2) he left his lessons at home the next morning.

Mack Rolfe and Frank (Fancy) Burkholder are playing good tennis these days. Rudy Ourednick is the best at throwing washers. Harry Lawson and Tom Husband are still carrying on their tennis match. Tom won the first set 10-8.

Miss Thompson has caught that dreaded M.B.A. disease, *Demeritis*. This meant fifteen demerits in five minutes recently.

Burch is recovering from a wasp sting in his eye. Brown is now off his crutch. He has had to use this help because of a swollen foot.

Everybody in the Eighth Grade certainly enjoyed the trip to the R. C. Owen Tobacco Company at Gallatin. Tom Brown and Gray Smith were sick after trying some of the product made there. One of the ovens at the plant is heated to 120 degrees. Brave John Leu ran all the way to the back of it—and back again. Gray Smith and Tom Brown nearly succeeded in performing the same feat. Charles Kinnard found out what has been generally known for some time, namely, that pipe tobacco doesn't work too well in cigarettes.

The Seventh Grade made an interesting trip through some of the plants of the Jarman Shoe Corporation.

The boys on the Privilege List this time from the Eighth Grade are: Jimmy Rule, Dick Sage and John Provine. Gray Smith would have made it but for some excess demerits.

In the Seventh Grade the following boys made the Privilege List: Emmett Dozier, George Sloan and Bill Lightfoot.

Earnest, what did you do with

the puppy you found in the coal bin?

Mrs. Nixon was good enough to take care of Miss Thompson's room while Miss Thompson was a little ill.

## FRESHMAN NEWS

AL STRAYHORN, STEVE WHERRY, DON CHICKEY and DONALD GOODMAN are still weak from sweating out that hard LATIN test Friday. . . . PETE THOMPSON strikes back at SAM PORTER, not with his hand but with a tennis ball! . . . RICHARD CUMMINS is happy now that CHARLIE BEATTY has recovered and can join back in his exclusive club. . . . EDDIE HOLT still can't understand what happened to him a few days ago when he played P.T. in a game of tennis. . . . BILL FENNELL is making a play for that famous red-head (LOU COWAN, of course). Don't quote me but I have heard that he took her to eat dinner at Richland one Sunday! . . . A peculiar shaped garment was found by Mr. Book the other Monday on his desk. WHIT WAUGH and SAM HUNT think that he was most unfair to give them 5 demerits—what do you think? . . . Well, well, SOCIETY BOY COLEMAN had his picture in the paper, not bad, oh! not of W.A. but of the girl he was with.

. . . DONALD (DEL WOOD) JACKSON was grand when he zipped up and down on the keys Friday. . . . We welcome TOM BANKS back into our fold after his cruise abroad the past few months. . . . A word from the Wise (H.A.), study hard for your Algebra exams. . . . Wonder why GLENN BROOKS was seen gracing the 6th floor of the Maxwell House a few weeks ago? . . . STEVE WHERRY blames G.S. for bad grades in Algebra. . . . DAVID BROADBEAR, JOHN TEAS, JIMMY GARDNER and

JACK HERBERT were all seen racing out of Algebra room a few weeks ago. They received a sensation through the olfactory nerves (if you are one of the dumb ones that doesn't know what it means, look it up in the dictionary) . . . RICHARD CUMMINGS makes privilege list. . . . WARREN DAVIS looks pretty slick in his new shiny Chevrolet. . . . Warning to BILL BRADFORD: the cops are looking for fast drivers speeding on school's driveway. . . . Mr. Book asked BRADFORD about a sentence in English—"Bill, is this declarative or interrogative?" Bill replied, "Yes." . . . A certain girl gave back BUTCH McDANIEL'S so-called bracelet, because it turned her wrist green. . . . GLENN BROOKS could be heard for 3 miles when the doctor took off his (BUFORD'S) ring because it was too tight. . . . This is yours truly signing off and saying I take back everything I said about Reckless Drivers.

## SOPHOMORE NEWS

Chalfant suffers from famed Oriental disease as Hardcastle shows rapid recovery. Other sophomores are unusually average. Sloan's visitor arrives with the onset of Easter. Sloan's condition improving, visitor has improved too!

Mrs. Campbell's sophomore speech classes receive degrees of Doctors of Psychiatric Medicine after reporting on the famous books *How to Psychoanalyze Yourself in Ten Easy Lessons* and *Why I Went Crazy* by Dr. Inthegritz. Wood soaks up information on *Alcohol, Its Effects on Man*.

Martin sells picture of Evelyn to highest bidder. Auction ends in brawl as unlucky losers go haywire. Mr. Book returns, sophomores jubilant! (Reimburse me later). Ruth bungles at soccer,

loses four points for his team. He was last seen under a pile of friends exclaiming, "If you're trying to beat my brains out, you're wasting your time!" Martin pays annual visit to tonsorial parlor. Calton starts golf during Easter holidays by stroking 87; expects to do better tomorrow on second hole. Pfeiffer gathers information from library concerning the moon by sometime in late November. Davis reading *Canterbury Tales* from which he afterwards quotes that well known passage:

Thirte dayes have Seoptober,  
Aprille, Juyn e ande no wonder.  
Alle the reste have peanutte butter,  
Excepte mye grandmother, and  
she rides a bicycle.

End-o-Gritz

## JUNIOR NEWS

It's a miracle! A paper with six pages at one time! Some people still don't believe it.

There was really a battle waged for the Junior class representative, but after the smoke cleared it seemed that LEE ANN ALLEN had received the majority of votes.

Now that ANN FARMER is coming home from Belgium, "J's" week-ends are going to be filled up when she arrives since he will be dating three girls. Somebody is going to be jealous.

Even if JOHN NIXON is not a Junior I think that everyone should know that he beat SAMBO HARWELL in a tennis match when we played Darlington here.

ROBERTS doesn't seem to hold much respect for Western Union picket lines, nor for Mrs. Bitzer's judgment on matters.

The Juniors have really been getting the honors during the last few weeks. The presidents and vice-presidents of Delta Sigma and Alpha Chi are respec-

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## JUNIOR NEWS

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tively: CHARLEY BROOKS, JIMMY DALE, PETER MOON, and WAYNE BLACKWELDER. Although the honors of president and vice-president of the Kappa Phis went to Hillsboro boys, KIRKPATRICK was elected secretary and BUFORD was elected Sergeant-at-Arms. Other Juniors were elected to various offices, but it would take up too much space to name them and their respective offices.

BROWN, TEMPLE, DALE, and WILLIAMS with their dates went to Percy Warner Park on a picnic; I heard that the "food was good."

The other night I distinctly saw TOM BUFORD dancing with "SUE" (Who?). The next Monday TOM came to school at 12:30. It took a long time to recuperate. When LINDY saw TOM dancing with "SUE" (Who?) she immediately took out a patent on him for fear of losing him.

CHAFFIN has struck up a romance with "Dagmar!" Only this time she is related to "Bessie the Heifer."

HARRIETTE doesn't have to worry about sweaters and jewelry, etc., any more . . . she has everything of Wayne's except his car.

BLACKWELDER gets a paper route, and DICKERSON and RACKARD have the misfortune to be on it. Jimmy is getting tired of climbing onto the roof every morning to read the paper.

The total cost of DICKERSON'S and RACKARD'S trip to Montgomery Bell Park was \$12. The string of fish they brought home consisted of one 4-inch rock bass. Have a nice trip, boys?

In the Spanish and History rooms the windows are a little on the dirty side. Some students have started writing certain phrases on them such as "Wash Me" and "I Am Dirty." This seems to have done a little good because now you can almost see out of them. GOAR sort of topped them all by writing on Mr. Younger's windows. . . . "Why have clean windows when you can have dirty ones."

JOHN THORPE (commonly known as J) has ordered a ring but I don't think that it is for himself. Wonder if he will keep it very long?

After a very brief period the fraternity and sorority dances have started again and will be going on till the end of school. These are a few events that Juniors don't miss.

The Juniors are well represented on the football team next year. CHAFFIN, BLACKWELDER, and BROOKS are playing first string backfield while BROWN, BOUCHARD, DUNCAN, MOON and SANDERS are holding up the line.

See you next issue if there is one.

## SENIOR NEWS

Hey Crud! Let the cat out!

Seniors complain of glare in study hall until the situation was brought to a head. Miller reports to Selective Service to register on eighteenth birthday. Lady at desk was astounded to find that Miller, a child of eighteen, had already been married three times. Other horses at Churchill Downs give up as Kingree is entered as an entry. They now hope to take Preakness. Kingree gives houseparty. Mrs. Luton won't let Debby go out of town to Kingree's houseparty. Bachlotte gets new Toni for graduation. Johns goes back into business after long absence. Randolph lowers cost to \$2.50. Bogle resorts to bribing M.I.T. registrar as grade slips to 95 (?) Duncan moves to West Nashville. East Nashville girls go on strike. Ewing and Anderson are having difficulties. Ewing wants to donate funds to "Rod." Anderson wants to donate funds to "Woman." New physics teacher, Mr. Purdy, lost as he tries to find the records of Mr. Hackman. Lab is in confusion—acids in water bottles, and sulphur in sulphuric acid bottle.

Crud! Let the cat in.

Rhodes repairs Mrs. Bitser's broken T.V. set. Rhodes assured of passing English with flying

colors. Local Bellvue boy seen on way to Reno.

The cat wants out again, Crud! I'm going with him. (We are going catting.)

Flash! Duncan wins five dollars in senior study hall. . . . Massey and Jarman go without lunch for a week. . . . Adams gets haircut for Kappa dance. . . . Ewing calculates that Adams was early with his yearly trimmings. . . . Rhodes disagrees, says Adams was taking a "deserving lady" . . . "Rhodes!" . . . add another one to that equation, Dunc! Spring arrives as Nisley returns to bar bells. . . . Miller still working out in secrecy. Hoffman and Ewing disagree on question in physics lab . . . Mr. Hackman confused.

Jarman has asked us to announce his recent victory over Miller in a local ping-pong scrap. . . . Miller declares that he was unjustly beaten . . . complains that Jarman used a "wet" ball. Ponce de Leon Elliston is back with us after a week's rest. . . . He thoroughly enjoyed the measles . . . and the company. . . . "Do you still love me, Poopsie?" Luton goes on retreat as Cate plans house party . . . pauvre, pauvre Tommy Cat. Ignatz likes baseball . . . he's fascinated by the "goose" eggs in his batting average . . . who wouldn't be?

DuPlantier overheard taking bets on prep baseball results for the season. . . . Don, gambling just isn't the kind of thing we do here at MBA. Can someone tell me what Anderson did over the Easter holiday? That boy has been hiding from me. Miller joins Lonely Hearts Club as Polly spends Easter season in Florida.

Herbert and Nisley still working on future assembly programs. Bachlotte presents interesting reading material . . . Johns returns to school . . . welcome home, Jay. Kingree explains to Seat that there's more future for the male sex in racing than in golf . . . Seat takes up horse racing.

Todd stars in Key Club Stunt Night . . . has anybody seen his

bowling ball? Plummer and Nixon leave town . . . "like a scalded dog." Well, we all gotta go sometime, so here's "au reservoir" as I answer the call of Mrs. B's literary genie.

Scandal:

Pinned—nobody new

Released—Duncan (Is that boy fiddled?)

Hog-tied—Jim (Pretty Boy)

Anderson, Tom (Lover)

Luton, err Cate, Jodie

Jarman—Bill (Poopsie) Elliston, etc.

Bye boys, see you in college (?)

## Alumni News

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dent Christian Association.

At the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Bernard Werthan has been made a member of the Tau Beta Pi. This organization is the counterpart of the Phi Beta Kappa in the School of Engineering. In honor of the achievements of these four boys, M.B.A. was given a half holiday by Mr. Sager.

Al Williams is the new president of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He likewise is a member of O.D.K. and is on the Senior Cabinet of the Student Christian Association.

Andy Spickard was elected Editor of the Commodore for next year.

The Vanderbilt Student Senate will be ruled by members of the class of 1949. Vernon Sharp is the president of the Student Senate and Wilbur Creighton is serving as vice-president.

On May 7, the O.D.K.'s tapped ten new men for membership and of the ten, five of the boys were from M.B.A. and the rest were from out-of-town. The five boys from M.B.A. and Nashville tapped were: Wilber Creighton, Buzz Davis, Jack Burch, Vernon Sharp and Don Wade all from the class of '49.

We owe a lot to these boys who have upheld the name of the school. They have gained great fame for M.B.A.

## SENIOR STARGAZER

Name	Nickname	Pastime	Where found	Ambition
Ridley Wills	Puss	catching flies	on fire escapes	insurance
Ben Kingree	Horse	cantering	any stable	cowboy
Joe Tenison	Baby Joe	eyeing girls' legs	bowling alley	minister
Charles Potter	Pete	gardening	any seed store	banker
Bert Eyster	Fingers	shooting	yo yo contests	lawyer
Andrew Ewing	Bird Jr.	revising trig. tables	Anderson's garage	engineer
Don DuPlantier	Whop	climbing walls	on any ladder	C. P. A.
Bobby Miller	Boob	complaining	couch	lawyer
Bill Hoffman	Fharley	girls	with Mort and Wart	engineer
Stanley Seat	Deacon	skipping school	Pete's	engineer
Jimmy Anderson	Crazy-legs	Fifi	in Ewing's garage	doctor
Bob Herbert	Rumble-drums	cheating in poker	Rock Island	ceramic engineer
Somers Randolph	3-dollar	flying "The engines"	any boy's house	baseball player
Dick Bransford	Pickles	guzzling	M.B.A. forever	advertising
Jack Duncan	Nook	chasing	Inglewood	doctor
Don Massey	Bird	looking in mirror	getting his picture taken	surgical supply
Louis Bachlotte	Toni	curling his hair	Germantown hill	engineer
Ben Adams	Parson	picking	Grand Ole Opry	contractor
David Strayhorn	Dirty Dave	bossing everybody	Harpeth River	doctor
Glenn Plummer	Wart	moonshine	141 Club	forestry
Tommy Cate	Debtom	stuffing ballot boxes	Stanford Dr.	doctor
Jimmy Pellettieri	Groppwhop	groping around	telling tall tales	engineer
Carey McNeilly	Scotty	borrowing money	any cheap joint	singer
Richard Bibb	Bibbus	smoking cigars	Hillwood	doctor
Al Nisley	Scronch	using bar-bells	Judy Fort's house	minister
Bill Rhodes	Dangerous Willoughby	shutting windows	incubator	automotive salesman
Claude Jarman	Bird-legs	movies	Loser's	actor
Bill Elliston	Montana Slim	cussing Pete	at Bibb's	engineer
John Nixon	Moffballs	talking about	tennis courts	lawyer
H. Blackwood	H.	water-skiing	Brentwood	dentist
Boyd Bogle	Mort	getting greasy	the black Cadillac	architect
Matt Maddin	Farmer	bug control	cornfield	farmer
Jay Johns	Jig	being obstinate	Jo Johnston St.	lawyer
Don Ignatz	Goose	quacking	midget show	accountant
John Napier	Weed	pinching pennies	at Eva's	army
Harlen Cragon	Odie	mailing papers	D.A.R. meeting	business

## Personalities of the Month

Louis B. Todd, Jr.



Louis B. Todd, Jr., known to the boys as "Louie," is Robertson Academy's gift of wit and friendliness to M.B.A. Among the most liked boys on the campus, Louie is very popular for his accurate impersonations and general humor.

Louis was manager of our varsity athletic teams during his freshman, sophomore, and junior years, and has always set a good example for true school spirit, having been a cheerleader for two years.

Among Louis' accomplishments is his winning of the award for the best individual performance in this year's Key Club Stunt Night. This award shows proof of Louis' talent.

He was elected to the office of sentinel in Delta Sigma fraternity this year and is a member of the Monogram Club here at school. A few of his likes and dislikes are:

Favorite subject: Math  
Most hated subject: English grammar

Favorite sport: Basketball  
Favorite actress: Liz Taylor  
Hobby: Walking the railroad tracks to Brentwood—who lives near the railroad tracks, Louie?

Andrew Ewing



Andrew, the academy's gift of automatic mathematical computation, is one of the school's most colorful figures. He attended Farmer grammar school where he graduated with honors. In his freshman year at M.B.A. he won the General Science Medal and the next year he won the Algebra II Medal. He has served several years on the paper staff and this year he is the news editor.

Andrew is very active in intramural sports. He is an ardent baseball fan, the Dodgers being his favorite team. He has many hobbies including fishing and

building hot-rods. He is the co-owner of "Roddle," one of the outstanding hot-rods in this area.

He was a member of the Alpha Chi fraternity, in which he held the office of jeweler. Being in the top fifth of the Senior class, he was recently admitted into M.I.T. without taking the college exams.

Here are some of his likes and dislikes:

Favorite Actress: Janet Leigh  
Favorite Subject: Mathematics  
Hated Subject: English  
Favorite Sport: Baseball

Charles Potter



Charlie, better known as "Pete," is one of the busiest boys on the campus. He came from Woodmont Grade School in 1947. He has been on the paper staff for four years and the annual staff for three. He is a member of the Senior Honor Society and was elected Most Energetic. He is known for his ever-present smile. He can be counted on in any emergency to help out. He says that his greatest honor was being accepted to the University of Pennsylvania.

He has a number of hobbies but the one that is most important to him is his garden. Really he has five gardens which he keeps up after school. During the football season he decorated the stadium and has helped to decorate the dances for his fraternity. Last year he held the office of Historian in the Delta Sigma fraternity.

Here are some of his likes and dislikes:

Favorite Actress: June Allyson  
Favorite Subject: English  
Hated Subject: Physics  
Favorite Sport: Basketball or Swimming

Don Massey



Don Jackson Massey, also from Robertson Academy, might be

called Robertson's athletic gift to M.B.A. A well-known figure on the campus, Don is noted for his flashy clothes and neat appearance.

He played two years of varsity football, preceded by two years of J.V. ball. He also played J.V. basketball for a year.

Among his other achievements is Don's act of representing M.B.A. in a speech tournament held at Clarksville last year, where he did well for his school.

Don is vice-president of Delta Sigma fraternity, a member of the Monogram Club, the Bell staff, business manager of the Bell Ringer, and is pinned to Karin Dale.

Some of his likes and dislikes:  
Favorite subject: English lit.  
Most hated subject: English grammar

Favorite actress: Doris Day  
Hobby: Girls

## BOOK CORNER

Recently, the library received a great number of new books and Mrs. Campbell invites you to look them over. Of special interest are two books which have been on the best-seller lists for a great many weeks. They are: *The Sea Around Us* and *Kon-Tiki*. We feel sure that the following descriptions of the books will arouse your interest in them as they did ours.

### THE SEA AROUND US

by Richard Carson

Here is an enthralling, informative story of the dominating feature of our planet, the ocean. Told with literary skill and scientific accuracy, *The Sea Around Us* focuses on what is humanly interesting and significant in the life history of the ocean.

Beginning with a description of how the earth acquired its oceans, the book covers such topics as how life began in the primeval sea; the hidden lands; the life recently discovered in the abyss by highly delicate sounding apparatus; currents and tides; mineral resources. It answers many questions that have puzzled the layman and is filled with a great deal of entertaining lore. The information is the most up to date available, and some of it is based on oceanographic studies as recent as 1950, and never before published in book form. The book is illustrated by two fathograms, charts of the ocean currents, and a double-page chart of the history of the earth and its life.

### KON-TIKI

by Thor Heyerdahl

On a primitive raft made of forty-foot balsa logs and named Kon-Tiki in honor of a legendary sun king, Heyerdahl and five companions deliberately risked their lives to show that the ancient Peruvians could have made the 4,300-mile voyage to the Polynesian islands on similar craft. They encountered the rare whale shark. Walt Disney with all his powers of imagination, could not have created a more hair-raising monster—and they were the first men ever to see a live snake mackerel.

On every page of this true record—from the actual building of the raft through all the dangerous

## Bottom of the Afternoon



BLUE LA RUE

Well, you lucky boys, you won't have to miss any of summer school for M.B.A. will close on May 31. We will be, as Mrs. Bitzer so aptly deducted, dismissed.

Spring has hit the campus with its warm breezes. Rhodes was miraculously saved by scoreboard. Bachelorette has a new permanent —Mrs. Rule has stopped serving hot prunes; now she serves them cold. Mother robin tries to hatch D. V. Johnson. Young comes out of the woods, sees shadow and runs back in. M.B.A. comes close to winning first game as Randolph pitches 19 hitter—"Gaylord" McIntosh talks a beautiful game.

Bedlam broke loose on our hill when Dr. Topmiller, oh!!! excuse me, Dr. Sager, went on a well-deserved (?) golfing (?) vacation. Mr. Rule was trying to amuse the young hellions in assembly, and Mr. Younger's hair turned back to brown. One morning Mr. Rule let the local talent go and Don (Ivory Joe) Jackson gave us a quaint rendition of that lovely old ballad, "Down Yonder"—"Mario" McNeilly swooned (?) the seniors and "Jerry" Todd panicked the entire body by friendly (?) imitations of the faculty (?)—When Mr. Sager returned from his trip, peace was again restored. Blackwood awarded scholarship to Vanderbilt. Vanderbilt wants to study Blackwood—Seniors decide class project is to cut glare in study hall; will give a toupee to you who know who. Du Plantier stomped by Johns in lunch room brawl—Duplantier exclaims, "I was doing all right 'til he started using his lip!" Kingree claims foul in Derby—Hill Gail used four legs. Maddin, Strayhorn, and Pelletier go on a wild safari; bravely capture three baby ducks. R.L.S.'s dog on three-day hang-over after Plummer breathes on him. Mrs. Bitzer turned in her short five-thousand-word report and the Seniors were relieved of that awful task of going to Senior study hall. Glen Brooks caught bullying a few helpless mortals such as Beatty, Gardner, and Minick.

The artistic qualities of Tension have come out in his painting called "White Side-walls."

Why is it that Strayhorn has

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and comic adventures on the sea to the spectacular crash-landing and the native islanders' hula dances—each reader will find a wholesome and spellbinding escape from the twentieth century.

# S P O R T S

## Tennis Team Winds Up Season

On April 17, the Big Red shel-lacked the West High Blue Jays 6-0. Friday, April 18, the Ma-roons encountered Sewanee Mili-tary Academy in what was con-sidered to be the team's first real test. However, our boys came through in fine style, winning 7-0. John Thorpe defeated Sammy Van Leer 6-1, 3-6, 6-0, in the feature match of the day. A day later, on Saturday, April 19, the Big Red did encounter some very tough competition in the form of the strong Baylor team from Chattanooga. The Big Red usu-ally strong at the top of the Ten-nis Ladder showed their greatest strength in the 4, 5, and 6 posi-tions while losing in the 1, 2, and 3 positions. After the team lost one and won one doubles match, the score was tied 4-4. Thorpe and Roberts, after first taking the lead finally lost the set and the match went to Baylor 5-4.

## MAROON HIGHLIGHTS

Particularly outstanding in ten-nis this year has been the play of John Thorpe. Thorpe has won all but two of his singles matches with those matches going to Ney-land of Castle Heights and to Royal of Baylor. By the way, Royal is ranked eleventh in the all Southern Juniors for the year for 1952.

John came to M.B.A. upon grad-uation from Woodmont Grade School. He played little tennis his freshman year but last year he had improved sufficiently to take the No. 3 position on the team. He has been a mainstay on the team ever since and, with John Nixon and Tom Stevens, is a favorite for the N.I.L. singles crown this year.

Another interesting fact to make note of is that Martin Rob-erts has never lost a singles match in three seasons of play for the Big Red.

M.B.A. has blanked all oppo-sition in the city with the excep-tion of Litton. In this match Litton's excellent number one man, Tom Stevens, defeated the Big Red's John Nixon in a hard-fought three-set match, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.

Outside the city M.B.A. has had three fairly close matches beating McCallie, Darlington, and Castle Heights by a 4-2 score in each case.

The whole school was delighted and on the whole amazed at the baseball team's first victory over Cumberland 9-0.

All in all, the Maroons have had a great year in all sports. All of the teams have been scrappy if not experienced and they have led us to higher spirits than we have had for a long time. After all, it is not whether you win or not but how you play the game.

## Golf Team Nears Close of Season

The golfers began this season in search of their third consecu-tive N.I.L. championship. The past two years the team has won 19 with only a tie with Hillsboro to mar their record. This year after downing Lipscomb, East, Duncan, and Peabody, M.B.A. met its first defeat in three years at the hands of C.M.A., 14 to 4. Then after blanking out Bellevue, the Maroons played a very im-portant match with DuPont. A win would have been a stepping stone to the throne, but DuPont with one previous loss to Ryan, rose to the occasion and defeated the Maroons, 4-2. However, even with the loss, M.B.A. can still tie for the title by winning the re-mainder of their matches.

Individually the boys rank high in the N.I.L. Out of approxi-mately fifty boys in the N.I.L., the top eight boys have a tourna-ment to determine the Individual Champ. At present, M.B.A. has Seat, Temple, and Calton in the top eight with Goar ranking tenth. Here's hoping the team brings home the Championship and the top Individual Player awards.

## Quotes For Us

He that loses his conscience has nothing left that is worth keeping.—Isaac Walton.

The fool doth think he is wise, but the wise man knows him-self to be a fool.—Shakespeare.

To be conscious that you are ignorant is a great step to knowledge.—Disraeli.

Our success depends upon our use of our time.—Brisbane.

Think truly, and thy thoughts Shall the world's famine feed; Speak truly, and each word of thine Shall be a fruitful seed; Live truly, and thy life shall be A great and noble creed.

—Bonar.

He that hath patience may compass anything.—Rabelais.

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### MUCKLE A MAROON CHUCKLE

Love-making has not changed in two thousand years. Greek maidens used to sit and listen to a lyre all evening, too.

The so-called weaker sex is the stronger sex because of the weakness of the stronger sex for the weaker sex.

"Susan looks like a photograph in that new bathing suit of hers."  
"Yeah: underdeveloped and over-exposed."

Father: "I hear that the chief of police is going to stop necking."  
Teen-ager: "It's about time when you get that old."

"Does your wife miss you much?"  
"No, she throws remarkably straight for a woman."

Women: "Creatures of a mood—the imperative mood."

Shakespeare: "An early 16th century writer who spent his time writing quotes for Mrs. Bitzer."

She: "Joseph, we have been going together for fifteen years. Don't you think that we ought to get married?"

He: "Yeah, but who would have us."

### NASHVILLE BUSINESSMEN (Continued from page 4)

sity. He is a Scottish Rite Shriner, member of the Rotary Club, Richland Golf Club and Hobson Memorial Chapel (Methodist). His wife is the former Miss Eleanor Hardigg. They have two daughters.

Dobson, vice president of Dobson-Hicks Co., wholesale and retail seed and seed grain concern, is also a partner in Dobson & Co. which operates a chain of department stores throughout the country.

Born in Nashville, he attended Duncan Preparatory School. He

had formerly served on the Montgomery Bell Academy board while his two older sons, Matt, IV, and Ezell were students there early in the 1930s. Another son, John, is now a member of the freshman class. His wife is the former Miss Sophia Ezzell. He is a member of the board of stewards of West End Methodist Church.

Ball, who has served during much of the past 20 years in various export divisions and other executive posts with General Shoe Corp., entered Army service during World War II as a member

of the 105th observation squadron of the Air Force. He ended his service, which included a period of duty in Britain, with rank of colonel.

A native Nashvillian, he grew up as a boy on the academy's campus, was graduated from the school in 1925 and was later graduated from Dartmouth College after attending Vanderbilt University for a year.

Ball is a member of St. George's Episcopal Church, and is active in the church choir, an organization of which he took the leading part. His wife is the former Miss Loti Rhett of Charleston, S. C. They have three children.

### Double Trouble

On a movie marquee in Kansas City: *THE LADY IS WILLING and THE WHOLE TOWN IS TALKING.*

In Los Angeles: *SWEATER GIRL—THE BIG SHOW-OFF.*

In Watford, England: *WE WANT A CHILD and THINGS HAPPEN AT NIGHT.*

On a New York City theater marquee: *GROOM WORE SPURS and WOMAN ON THE RUN.*

On a theater near Bostonia, Calif.: *OH, YOU BEAUTIFUL DOLL—COVER-UP.*

In Pasadena: *VAN JOHNSON, BETWEEN TWO WOMEN and SCARED STIFF.*

In Oklahoma City: *BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND DAWN—A LADY TAKES A CHANCE.*

### BLUE LA RUE

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never had a demerit? Bill Gray says he wants a ring like Strayhorn's when he is a senior. McDaniel was heard telling Callcott, "She's a good girl but she'll do you dirty."

Dudley Kennedy is making fifteen dollars a day for teaching Hank Williams how to sing—sing?

Congratulations are due to Herbert and Ewing for being accepted to M.I.T.

Mr. Sager heard commenting on the recent trip to the planetarium, "His demerit." Bye now—

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